

constitution of 1987 provides for a parliamentary system of government with executive authority divided between a president and a prime minister. Political reconciliation is necessary before the larger task of nation-building can begin.

Aristide has the opportunity to initiate a new, constructive phase in Haitian history. But first he must take the lead in creating a participatory political culture in which all Haitians have a voice. The coming elections are an excellent place to start. If he can bring himself to play a historically creative role, he may be able to convince Haitians steeped in cynicism that political comity is achievable. And once the promise of political stability is buttressed by visible signs of political reconciliation, he may find it easier to attract the private investment that his country desperately needs.

Rather than resting on laurels that can quickly turn to ashes, the Clinton administration should view the Carter visit as a wake-up call. It should take the lead in getting more international observers to monitor the June elections. And, more important, it should be urging Aristide to act as a true democrat and president of all the people of Haiti at this critical time.

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Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1995

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 11 a.m. on Monday, April 3; that following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each, not beyond the hour of 12 noon.

At 12 noon, under provision of rule XXII, a live quorum will begin. Following the ascertaining of the quorum, a cloture vote will occur on the conference report to accompany H.R. 831. Additional votes can be expected to occur during Monday's session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REGARDING RULE XXII

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Saturday count as the intervening day necessary under rule XXII.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I thank my colleague, Senator DASCHLE, the Demo-

cratic leader, because that will save a pro forma session tomorrow.

OFFICIAL SENATE PHOTOGRAPH

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, Senators are also reminded that the official Senate picture of the Senate in session will be taken on Tuesday, April 4, at 2:15 p.m.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, following the remarks of Senator DASCHLE, Senator KENNEDY, Senator DORGAN, and Senator SIMON, the Senate will stand in recess under the previous order.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader.

SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE ACT—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I am disappointed with the news that we will not have the opportunity to vote on the conference report. I do not think there is any doubt that when the conference report passes, it will pass overwhelmingly.

There is no need to file a cloture petition. There is not one Democrat holding up the conference report this afternoon—not one. Whenever we have that vote, it will be overwhelming. Cloture will be invoked overwhelmingly. I doubt that even one Democrat will oppose cloture. So to go for a cloture motion at this point is really meaningless. There is no need for it. No one is holding up the conference report.

Cloture is designed to break a filibuster. There is no filibuster. We have not even had a good chance to discuss it, much less filibuster it.

So for anyone to misunderstand what is happening here would be a very significant mistake. The fact is, we are on the floor this afternoon and we are prepared to work.

I had hoped that by now we would be in the middle of a good debate about protecting children. I thought we would have a good opportunity here to talk about helping 1 million children with the Democratic amendment that was offered this morning. That is what this debate was supposed to be all about today. The fact that that debate is not being held is, in and of itself, a very significant disappointment. Because the majority leader saw fit to offer a second-degree to our amendment, I also feel very disappointed.

The fact is that we ought to have an opportunity for an up-or-down vote on that amendment itself. If the Republicans have alternatives, we ought to discuss those. But we will save that argument for another day.

It was the majority leader's decision to take that legislation off the table and then to put the conference report before the Senate for consideration this afternoon.

All we were suggesting as part of that consideration is to deal with the matter the Finance Committee had taken up, and that was to eliminate a tax break providing millions of dollars of benefits to some of the wealthiest people in this country.

The headline in the Washington Post says it all: "Tax Break for Wealthy Expatriates Sparks Class Warfare Charges: 'Confiscatory Tax' on Rich Who Leave U.S. Denounced."

What kind of class are we protecting here, for heavens sake? What kind of class warfare is this?

The real class warfare is occurring by many Republicans who will not even allow us to have a vote on the minimum wage issue. That is class warfare; an unwillingness to provide those at the lowest rung of the economic ladder with a meaningful income. That, in my view, is what class warfare is all about.

Every Republican and Democrat ought to be opposed to providing expatriates a huge tax handout. There should not be any question about that.

But let there be no mistake: As strongly as we feel about this, as strongly as we want to address this issue, we are prepared to set it aside, to have a vote at a time certain next week so that we can move along the legislation dealing with the deductibility for the self-employed.

We want that to happen. We are going to vote for cloture on Monday. We are going to support it on Monday or Tuesday, whenever the leader decides to bring it up. And it is our desire to move this legislation along as quickly as possible.

So there is a nice ring, perhaps, to the indignation on the other side, but the fact is that ring rings pretty hollow when the truth is laid out. The fact of the matter is, very clearly, Democrats want just as much as Republicans to pass this legislation.

We offered a vote in relation to both Senator D'AMATO's and Senator KENNEDY's amendments on Tuesday morning and to pass the conference report today.

So the record ought to be very clear about this. We were going to break the logjam the Republicans caused yesterday with the D'Amato amendment. We were going to break the logjam that was created, in part, by the determination by some Republicans to protect the wealthiest among us, and we were prepared to have the votes next week, Monday and Tuesday, just as quickly as we could work out an arrangement for both Democrats and Republicans.

That is not going to happen, and I am disappointed. It is only 1:30. We should not have the afternoon off. We ought to have the ability to debate why we are leaving 1 million children unprotected as a result of the rescissions made in the supplemental that has been pending before the Senate all week.

We ought to talk about the ramifications of 5,000 kids being denied opportunities to get adequate child care and hundreds of thousands of children who